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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of February 24, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached Declaration be entered and considered in the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claims 55 to 72 as presented in applicants reply dated December 02, 2003, are currently pending in this case.

Claims 55 to 72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable in light of the disclosure of *Bronstert et al.* in DE 196